

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13-18 currently appear in this application. The Office Action of October 14, 2008, has been carefully studied. These claims define novel and unobvious subject matter under Sections 102 and 103 of 35 U.S.C., and therefore should be allowed. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration, entry of the present amendment, and formal allowance of the claims.

Claims 11, 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner alleges that the term "a peripheral vascular disease" is indefinite.

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claim 11, and therefore claims 17 and 18 dependent therefrom, has been amended to delete "a peripheral vascular disease."

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for

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allowance, and favorable action thereon is earnestly
solicited.

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